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## Mt. Alto Embassy Plan Draws No Objections

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The people who live near Mt. Alto Hospital seem to think Russians would make nicer neighbors than would alcoholics.

The presidents of the three citizens associations in the area say they have heard no complaints about the possibility that the abandoned veterans hospital will be turned into an embassy and chancery for the Soviet Union.

Many objected when it was suggested that the District of Columbia might use the hospital as a temporary treatment center for chronic alcoholics.

The Glover Park Citizens Association scheduled a protest meeting but called it off when word got around that the Russians were looking at the site, according to Mrs. Edward B. Morris, president.

"Certainly if it comes to a choice between having the Russians there or having the alcoholic facility there—and that would include outpatient

care, as I understand it—we'd rather have the Russians," Mrs. Morris said. "I don't think the Russians would bother anyone."

Lt. Col. Robert B. Curtiss, president of the Burleith Citizens Association, said Friday he hopes to get his executive committee together to pass a resolution in favor of locating the embassy there.

John R. Immer, president of the Federation of Citizens Associations in the District, takes a more jaundiced view. He says the Federation will act only if an association asks it to, but added, "as president of the Federation, I'm watching it."

"I don't know how far the State Department has gone on this, but this is another example of the fact that the State Department doesn't recognize the taxpaying citizens of the District of Columbia, because we haven't heard anything about this, Immer added.